

159~] BISHOP OF ST DAVID'S UNHAPPY
SERMON

be fatal unto me But thou, Lord, which by *Thy*
prophet

Jeremy commanded the House of Israel not to
learn the way of
the heathen, nor to be afraid of the signs of
heaven, and who by
Thy Almighty hand and outstretched arm, madest
the year of
the greatest expectation, even '88, marvellous by
the overthrow
of Thine and mine enemies, now, for Thy Gospel's
sale, which
hath long had sanctuary in this land, make
likewise '96 as
prosperous unto me and my loyal subjects'
And again

° Lord, I have now put foot within the doors of
that age in the
which the almond tree flounsheth, wherein men
begin to carry
a calendar in their bones, the senses begin to fail,
the strength
to dimmish, yea all the powers of the body daily
to decay.
Now therefore grant me grace that though mine
outward man
thus perish, yet my inner man may be renewed
daily So direct
me with Thy Holy Spirit that I may daily wax elder
in godliness,
wisdom being my grey hairs and undefiled life
mine old age *

The sermon being ended, the Queen, as is her
manner,

opened the window of her closet, but she was so
far from giving
him thanks or good countenance that she said
plainly he should
have kept his arithmetic for himself, ° but I
see, said she,
* the greatest clerks are not the wisest men'
With that the
Queen went away discontented, and since by the
Lord Keeper's
command he has kept to his house

SUDDEN LEVIES CALLED FOR

Because of the news from Calais, the
commissioners of
musters are ordered with all speed to levy out of
the trained
bands 6,000 men furnished with their armour to
be sent to
Dover with their captains, and to be at the port
of Dover by
Sunday night at the farthest This afternoon

the Lord
Mayor and Aldermen being in Paul's Churchyard
hearing the
sermon at the Cross were suddenly called from
thence and
forthwith by a precept from her Majesty and
Council are
ordered to press 1,000 By eight of the clock the
men are ready
and their furnishing will be complete ere
morning

loth April. THE LEVIES DISMISSED

Further news having been received that the
forces cannot
reach Calais in time, those already imprested are
now to be
dismissed.